(ii) *General and Special category :*

Metered Exchanges		Flat Rate Exchanges			
10,000 lines and above	Below 10,000 lines.	100 lines and above	100 lines and below	Manual over 20 lines providing restricted hours of service	Manual of 20 lines or less providing restricted hours of service
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1,000	800	1,000	100	100	100

Amount collected from the applicants : Rs. crores

	During 1983-84		During 1984-85 (provisional)	
	OYT	Non-OYT	OYT	Non-OYT
Bombay	5·7	3·45	0·1	0·9
Calcutta	0.8	0.6	1.1	0.8
Delhi	3·5	3·3	4·7	3·8
Madras	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.0

Discovery of Natural Gas

2248. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) the places where natural gas has been discovered in India so far;

(b) the quantities of gas being recovered at present from these places; and

(c) how the above gas it being utilized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Natural gas has been so far discovered in the Western offshore, Gujarat, Assam, Rajasthan, Krishna-Godavari, Arunachal Pradesh, Cauvery basin and Andamans.

(b) The quantity of natural gas being produced from these places is about 19.84 million cubic metrec per day;

(c) Natural gas is being utilised for production of fertilizers and petrochemicals, for generation of power and as fuel in tea gardens, dairies. etc.

Annual Production of Petrol and Petroleum Product

2249. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) the volume of annual production of petrol and petroleum products in the country expected during the current financial year;

(b) the anticipated demand for the above products in the country during the current financial year; and

(c) the details of the plans drawn up if any, for the period of the Seventh Five Year Plan for increasing indigenous production of petrol and petroleum products for attaining self-sufficiency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) 38.59 million tonnes.

(b) 41.55 million tonnes.

(c) It is proposed to increase the production of crude oil during the Seventh Plan period in addition to creating additional refining capacity. Efforts are also being made to conserve petroleum products to reduce the need for import of deficit products to the minimum.

Cost of Postage Stamps

2250. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is total cost including printing and paper cost of ordinary postage stamps; and

(b) whether it is a fact that in the case of shortage of stamps of different denominations people have to use more than one stamp which increases the cost of stamps to be borne by the Department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The total cost including printing and paper cost of ordinary (definitive) postage stamps is as under:—

	Paise per stamp
(i) 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 50 paise denomination stamps. . .	0.6
(ii) 100 and 200 paise denomination postage stamps	0.85
(iii) 225, 280, 325, 500 and 1000 paise denomination postage stamps .	1.2

(b) Efforts are made to make available the postage stamps in all the necessary denominations. However, in some isolated cases where stamps in a particular denomination may not be available due to some reason or the other public may have to use more than one stamp.

Oil Selection Board

2251. SHRI HASHIM RAZA ABIDI ALLAHABADI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an oil Selection Board was set up in his Ministry under the Chairpersonship of Smt. Janki Maa for northern India about two years ago;

(b) if so, what is the number of selections made by this Board for gas agency, petrol tanks, diesel tanks and Kerosene oil agencies etc. during the last two years; and

(c) what is the number of persons belonging to Muslim community who have been given the above licences during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) and (b) Since the formation of Oil Selection Board (North) in April, 1983, headed by Justice Janaki Amma (Retired), 567 selections have been finalised by the Board for the oil industry till date for LPG, Petrol/Diesel and Kerosene dealerships.

(c) Details pertaining to religion are not asked for in the application form. Hence this information is not maintained.